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NOTE TO: Thomas O. Enders,  
Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Inter-  
American Affairs

Marc E. Leland  
Assistant Secretary (International Affairs)

FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Cuban Export of Tobacco [redacted]

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In the CPPG discussion of possible actions against Cuba last week, the question came up about the purchasers of Cuban tobacco. There was some interest in identifying these in the event the US government wanted to bring pressures to bear against such purchases. [redacted]

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Attached is our best information on Cuban tobacco exports. We are unable to identify specific purchases within each of the involved countries. [redacted]

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I hope this is of some use. [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM:

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Director of African and Latin American Analysis

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SUBJECT: Cuban Tobacco Exports

Cuba exports its tobacco in raw and product (cigar) form to the West and in product form to the USSR and Eastern Europe. Western countries that purchase Cuban cigars and the amount they purchased in 1978 are\*:

Million Units

Spain	51.0
France	11.3
Switzerland	8.4
UK	7.7
Belgium	5.7
West Germany	2.2
Canada	1.7

Raw tobacco exports to the West were as follows:

Tons

Spain	9,861
Holland	1,474
France	335
Canada	292
West Germany	246
Switzerland	129

We have no information on the identity of individual firms in these countries that process Cuban tobacco.

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The last good harvest year for which export data is available was 1978. The 1980 harvest was virtually destroyed by diseases and weather problems. Harvests in 1981 and 1982 were reported as record crops, but no breakout of exports by country is yet available. We have no evidence, however, to indicate Havana exported significant quantities to new customers, so the 1978 pattern probably was essentially the same in 1981 and 1982.

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